



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 1462** **Harmful Invasive Weed Control Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 24, 2002*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1462 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide grants to states and Indian tribes to support projects to control or eradicate harmful, invasive weeds on public and private lands. CBO estimates that the proposed program would cost \$10 million in 2003 and \$245 million over the 2003-2007 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1462 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The assistance authorized by this bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1462 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	100	100	100	100	100	0
Estimated Outlays	0	10	30	45	75	85

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 1462 would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million a year over the 2002-2006 period for the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to states and Indian tribes to fund projects to control or eradicate harmful, invasive weeds on public and private lands. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$10 million in 2003 and \$245 million over the 2003-2007 period, with additional spending occurring in later years. For this estimate, we assume H.R. 1462 will be enacted by July 1, 2002, and that authorized amounts would be provided as specified by the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on spending patterns for similar activities.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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